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Senate Bill 487, An Act Concerning The Unauthorized Practice Of Law

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in regards to *Senate Bill 487, An Act Concerning the Unauthorized Practice of Law*.

The Judicial Branch would respectfully request that section 1 (b) of the bill be amended to reflect that, pursuant to Practice Book Section 24-6, certain lay persons may act as a representative of parties in small claims matters. We suggest that this be added after section 1(b)(12) as follows:

(13) Acting as a lay representative in small claims proceedings as authorized by court rule.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.